

A Continued

August 17

IOVRNALL

OF

ALL THE PROCEEDINGS
of the Duke of BUCKINGHAM
*his Grace, in the Isle of Ree, a
part of France.*

*In whom are combined Religion, Fortitude,
and Clemencie; being the true Cha-
racters of a noble Generall.*

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A Journall of the proceedings of my Lord D V K E in his Voyage.

Ivn the 24. 1627. being Sunday after Divine Seruice and Sermon, the Lord Generall tooke his Barge, and enioyned all the Officers and Commanders to attend him to the Fleet, lying then at Anchor in Stokes Bay, which hee weighed the same day, and fell downe towards Saint Hellnes poynt, where hee cast Anchor againe, and stayed there for want of winde till the 27. of Iune. The same night hearing there were some Commaunders behinde in the Towne, who kept disorder; he went a shore himselfe, and searcht all the houses in the Towne, where he found some Captaines that had been disorderly: Amongst the rest there was one that gaue an vnmanerly answere, who was casheered for his labour.

That night the Lord Generall lay a shore: the next morning betimes he went a board. On Wednesday the 27. wee weighed Anchor with 100. sayle of Ships, and tacked to and againe vntill wee recovered the Poynt East of the Ile of Wight.

Thursday the 28. wee stooode on our course towardsthe West, vntill we were come to the height of Plymouth, about eight of the clock at night: wee stooode West, and East, and by South. And on Friday the 29. wee sayled with a slacke winde; but before night wee got sight of land on our Larboard, seeming to be 12. leagues off, a part of France, called the Vshant, in 47. degrees or thereabouts. Wee stooode on to Sea that night, with a fresh gayle of winde, which serued

vs vntill the next morning at two of the clocke, and then wee
 were becalmde till Monday the first of July , at foure of the
 clocke. At which time we sent a Boy to the top of the mayne
 Mast, to see what he could discouer, he spied on the head of vs
 14. sayle of Shipps some foure leagues off, and very fortu-
 nately within a quarter of an houre after there arose a good
 gayle of winde fully with vs, so that the Admirall and all the
 rest made hast to hoyst vp sayle and chase these Ships. Before
 nine of the clocke at night a Catch of his Maiesties ouertook
 them, which was commanded by Captaine *Dunning*, he cal-
 led to them and asked what they were, they tolde him a con-
 trary tale : he desired then to winde about, and come aboard
 and speake with our Admirall. They bid him goe before to
 their Admirall, and what he did they would follow : he came
 to their Admirall and desired him to winde about and speake
 with our Admirall. Their Admirall asked *Dunning* what
 Fleet it was, he tolde him it was the King of Englands Fleet,
 hee asked what they were doing there : hee tolde them they
 were Tacking to and againe to scour the Seas. No (saith he)
 I know you are going to *Burdeaux*, but there you will finde
 them prepared for you, and they will giue you hot seruice.
 Hee asked who was our Admirall , hee tolde them my Lord
 Duke of *Buckingham*. Whereupon hee fell in rayling, and
 called vs all Rogues and Rascalls, and commanded the Gun-
 ner to shooe ; he shot halfe a dozen shot at him, and shor him
 twice through the sayle , hard by the middle of the mayne
 Mast : so that *Dunning* fell a sterne of him , and tacked about
 to vs, and tolde vs what had past, and that he conceiued them
 to be *Dunkerks* men of Warre, very well appointed, which
 did much comfort our Generall, and all the rest. We chased
 them all night : and on Tuesday the 20. of July at light day,
 wee had got neere unto them with some of our Shipps. The
Lyon had got the Winde-ward of them. Three of the *Colly-
 ers*, and the *Mavis*, with the *Catch*, was got almost within
 sho. of them ; but in this time they were throwing out their
 Ballast, and making themselves light: and when they had
 done

done that, they hoysed vp studding Sailes, and after outsailed vs quite; We followed them so farre, as there was no hopes, and then wound about to our intended course: At fourc of the clocke the same day, my Lord caused to send vppe to the maine Mast, to tell how manie Shippes we were in company, and we found we were then no more then three score; for we had lost in that Chase my Lord *Harney*, with fortie saile of Shippes, who met not with vs till wednesday the 11. of July.

We were kept from the place where we intended (with contrarie windes and calmes) till tewesday the 10. of July; About two of the clocke, then fell a violent storme, with a thicke mist, so that we were put into great danger.

The *Nonesuch* in this storme had spent her Fore-mast, and many of the other Shippes lost their Long-boates, being tyed at the Sterne. About eight of the clocke the storme broke vp, and it grew to bee cleare; Then we discerned the Isle of *Ree* to be within three leagues of vs, whither we steered our course; And about ten of the clocke cast anchor ouer against *Saint Martines*, the prime Towne in that Island. The Next morning being wednesday, we weyed anchor, and sayled downe lower to a point of the Island next to the maine-Land and ouer against *Rochell*. There we cast anchor, and placed our Shippes round about the Island, that the Enemie might neither export nor import any thing for their aduan-tage.

That done, being the 11. of July, we had very good sport in chasing those Baiques and Hoyes which were offering to goe from the Island to the maine-Land, and from the maine-Land to the Island: We tooke many of them, and there were none that got eyther in or out. About sixe of the clocke that day, my Lord *Harney* appeares with his fortie saile of Ships, which was vnto vs a great comfort: About eight of the clocke the same day, the Lord Generall called a Cou-cell, and resolued to land our Men the next morning, vpon that point which lay iult to vs, as being the nicest safe place; At which time he gaue order to some Shippes to batter a Fort, which

lay a league off on the right hand, & continued the battering till ten of the clocke the next day ; then we found there was no resistance in the Fort, whereupon, the Lord Generall commanded to give ouer.

On tewesday the 12. the L. Generall was vp and readie by three of te clocke in the morning, and receiued the Communion that morning at fife of the clocke, and after tooke his Barge and went aboard the *Nonsuch* to Monsiure *Subeesa*, and returned from thence at sixe : At seuen of the clocke, Monsiure *Sabuesa*, Monsiure *Blancarte* and Sir *William Becher* went to *Rochell*: At eight of the clocke, the L. Generall sent Master *Grymes* (the Gentleman of his Horse) with a Foote-boy of his that could both runne and swimme well, and sixe Muskatieres (to the point of the Island, where they were to land their Men) to see if they could discouer any Men or Ordnance, that they had planted there to encounter vs : When he came to the shoare, he caused the Foote-boy to stripp himselfe, and to run along, and he run three quarters of a mile into the Countrey, and found all that Coast cleere, sauing three Horse-men, that the Enemis had set out to be Scoutes, which chased him back to the Sea side ; The Boy was releived by the Ship Ordnance and the Muskets in the Boate : At ten of the clocke, he turned back to the *Triumph*, and gaue the L. Generall an accompt what he had discouered ; Whereupon, the L. Generall gaue present order for all Officers to be in a readinesse, and to meeet him aboard the Kings good Shippe (called the *Lyon*) lying next the Pointe, where they were to land their Men, for there he would keepe his Randeuous for that time : At twelue of the clocke, he tooke his Barge, accompanied with Sir *George Blundell* Sergeant Maior, attended by M. *Grymes* and M. *Ashburnebam*, and went to all those Ships that had Land Soldiers, and commanded them that they should presently draw themselues as neere that point of the Island as they could ; After that, he went to all the Ships, and appointed the Captaines of them, how and where to attend with their Shippes, and commanded them

them presently to prouide their Barges and long Boates, to land their Land-Souldiers, and to send them to the Lyon. Hee then made choyse of tenne Ships of lesser burthen, and directed them to draw their Shipps as close as they could to either side of the point of the Island, where the Souldiers were to be Landed, and commanded them that if the Enemie did appeare within shotte, they should presently play vpon them.

He being aboard at the same time of one of these Shippes, went vp to the top of the mayne Mast, and discouered of the Enemies three Troupes of Horse, and 16. or 18. hundred Foote, all ready in Battalia some English mile or more off the place, where wee were to land our men : hee came presently downe and tolde vs what hee had discouered, and shot at them himselfe two or three Peeces of Ordnance, and commanded the rest of the Peeces to play vpon them still : with that tooke Barge and went to the Lyon, where hee found all the Officers ready with their long Boates to land their men.

In this time came backe from Rochell Monsieur Sabuesa, and Sir William Beecher, who stayed there till Saturday following. Monsieur Saint Blancart dissuaded the Lord Generall to forbear the Landing of his men vntill the next morning : but the Lord Generall fearing it would giue time to the Enemie to strengthen himselfe. Hee would by no meanes heare of any delay. Whereupon Monsieur Saint Blancart like a braue man, choosed himselfe a Pike, and put himselfe into Sir John Burrowes Regiment.

By this time it was three of the clocke when the Lord Generall commanded to land two Regiments, that were of the olde Companies, whereof Sir John Burrowes and Sir Alexander Brett were Commanders, he went with them himselfe on shore, and appointed the two Colonels in what place they should land their men. And being landed, commanded them to put their men in Battalia with all speed, fearing the Enemie vwould giue them a suddaine assault.

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The men being weary in lying on Shipboard, linged vwashing their hands in the Sea; but the Lord Generall vwith a Cudgell ranne to and fro amongst them, beating some, and threatening other-some, and got them thrull vp three Pykes length to the skirt of the banke, vwhere they vvere to be.

There vvas a third Regiment that vwas ready to land: in the meane time came Sir *William Courtney* to the Lord Generall, and tolde him, that vntesse hee should doe the same curtesie for him vwhich he did for the other two Collonells, hee should not get his men landed, and that his vvere olde Souldiers, and vwould doe good seruice if the Enemie made assault.

Whereupon my Lord called Sir *William Courtney*, & vwent into his Barge, vwith an intention to haften a shore his Regiment, and as soone as he had gone about fourescore from the shore, hee presently heard the fight begun, and turning backe, he saw three Troupes of French Horse, charging our Foote vwith all the fiercenesse that migh be: And the third Regiment, those that vvere vnlanded, pressing themselues amongst the Shippes to succour themselues: the rest of that Regiment that vvere landed hee sawe prest into the vwater by the French Horse; and Sir *William Haydon* being caried violently to the Sea by the Reuolters, was there drowned.

Whereupon he set S. *William Courtney* into another Boate, with commande to make all expedition to get his Men landed; And very brauely himselfe drew his Sword and turned his Barge (attended by Master *Grymes* and M. *Ashburneham*) and thrust himselfe vpon the Reuolters; an rebuking some, and encouraging others, told them, he hoped they came not with any intent but to aduenture themselues so farre as he would leade them: Whereupon, he thrust himselfe on to the shoare, (and they followed slowly) and animating of the other Foote which were run into the water, they most of them leapt out of the water, and vpon the Lord Generalls words threw themselves forwards as if they would haue fought brauely, but before we could get where the blowes were,

Battaille

Battaile was ended.

My Lord Generall had ordered certaine Shippes to scourre the Landing place with their Ordnance, but the assault was so sodaine as they did little hurt to the Enemie ; and in verie heate of the combate, it fell out, that one of our owne Shippes had entangled himselfe betweene our Battering shippes and the Land, by which meanes they were hindred in performing of their charge.

If the French Foote had come on to haue charged presently vppon the discharge of the Horse, it had been impossible that we could haue withstood them ; But as God would haue it, the Horse-men made more hast then in iudgement they should haue don : Before the Foote came we had killed most of their Horses ; But when the Foote did come, they came very orderly and brauely, being 1500. comming within a Pike and a halfe of our Men before they discharged ; and the Leader of the Foote (being a braue and goodlie Gentleman) tooke off his hatte, wherupon all their Foote discharged their Muskets, and after they fell to it with Swords and push of Pike, vntill they were breathlesse on both sides : The French finding our Pikes to be longer then theirs, threw away their Pikes, and went to it with Stones, and so did our Men, but ours beat them out, and made them flye away very disorderly, that happie was he that got first off his Armor to betake him to his heeles.

This Battaile did not continue in all much aboue halfe an hower, but our Horse were not yet landed ; But if we had had twentie Horse to haue followed them, we had killed them vp euery Man. That night we intrenched our selues in that place, fearing the Enemie would giue vs an assault in the night. My Lord Generall spent that euening in viewing of the dead Bodies, and visiting those that were hurt on our side, and giuing great charge to the Chirurgions to take speciall care of them.

We tooke fower of the French Gentlemen, but they were all hurt before ; two of them dyed the next day, one of them

is aliue yet in the *Tryumph*, his thigh being shotte to peeces, the other, being a Page, the Lord Generall sent him to his Master.

The next morning very earlie, the Lord Generall came on shore againe, and spent all the whole daie there, calling the Commanders to him, and ordering them to bring him notes of euery seuerall Companie, how many they were, and how manie were perished in the confi&t; By which vve found, there was nineteene Captaines, Antients and Lieuetenants killed, and twelue other Officers hurt, but in no danger of death, and some thirty five common Soldiers drowned, but none killed; for the French men discharged all on our Gentry, and neuer looked at the Common sort. Our Gentry (when the common Soldiers began to route) clapt themselues together, and shewed themselues the brauest Men in the world, espetially Sir John Burrowes, Sir Alexander Brett, Sir George Blundell, and a Brother of Sir Alexander Bretts: There was not one Gentleman of our Nation in the field that did not a&t his part brauely.

This being Friday, the day after the Battaile, the 13. of July, Monsieur de Thorax, Gouernour of the Island, sent the Barron Ambieuile with a Trumpet to speake wth the Lord Geuerall: His Meffage was, to desire my Lords fauour to giue them leaue to fetch away their dead bodies: they being so suddenly demaunded by them, my Lord made scruple in granting it. Whereupon the Gentry made meanes by some of our Officers to buy the bodies, and offered for one 1000. pounds. When my Lord Generall had conſidered, he gaue leaue that they should take them away.

Within fourre houres the Gonernours sent another Trumpet, with one of his Pages, to giue him thankes for his fauour, and to report to him that he would never after harbour an ill thought of the English, for hee iudged the Gentry of them to be the brauest men in the world. Although before the Battaile he made no more account of vs then if wee had beeene all Beccus: and enquiring what number we were, wee tolde

tolde him 6000. He said he would kill vs and salt vs, as wee did Oxen in *England*.

At the same time he sent my Lord Generall word, that he would wayte on him himselfe, so that we made full account that hee would giue vs Battell. The same day wee put our selues in Battalia, and expe&ted them all that day, yet hee came not. The next day being the 14. of July, we made our selues ready to Martch, and at 6. of the clocke we marched an English mile further into the Countrey, leauing Sir *Peregrine Bertie* in the place with some Companies.

The 15. by 6. of the clocke in the morning, vve marched onto a Village vwithin an English mile, and tooke in that vwithout any disturbance. Then vve marched on two English miles further, to a Towne called St. *Maries*, vwhen vve came neere to the Towne, the Protestants came out and yeelded the Towne to the Lord Generall, so hee went with some Gentlemen with him, and tooke possession, and made the Souldiers martch by, and not suffer them to come to the Towne, fearing they vwould pillage and disturbe the people; so vve marched on the same day, to a Towne called *La Flote*. In the mid vway the Enemie appeared vwith 120. horse and 1500. Foote, the which were left vnkilled. Wee did verily thinke they would haue giuen vs Battell, but it did not proue so: for as soone as they viewed vs, they returned backe againe.

We vvere ready for them, for our men vvere very forward to fight, so vve marched on vwithin halse a mile of *La Flote*, vwhere the Protestants of that Towne met vs, and surrendred the Towne and themselues vwith a suite they had to the Lord Generall, vwhich vwas that hee vwould for their sakes shew fauour to the Romish Catholiques: for that they had liued long together in that Towne, and euer receiued good Quarter and vsage from them: And that now seeing he vwas become Master of both, he vwould requite it on their behalfe to the Catholiques, vwhich hee very Nobly consented vnto, and vwent vwith them to the Towne, and tooke possession,

and presently turned backe to the Souldiers, and Encamped them round about the same, and vwould not suffer any of them to goe into it, fearing they vwould make Pillage, and that night lay amongst them in the open Field, vvith no other bedding, saue one Cloake vnder his head, and another vpon him.

The next day being the 16 he went into the Towne, accompanied with Monsieur *Subesa*, and some other Lords, to bury Sir *William Heydon*, and returned into the Field at night, and lay as he did before. But that night about two of the clocke, there fell very miserable vweather, vvith Thundering and Rayning, and continued so till twelue of the clock the next day.

The next day, being the 17. vve martched on towards St. *Martyns*, though it Rayned very fearesfully : and about 12. of the clocke it grew faire; at which time vve vvere vwithin three English miles of the Towne.

By that time we had marched a mile further, we could see the Enemie sally out of the Fort vvith Horse and Foote : so they Martched towards vs, and were vwithin the distance of an English mile : and wee thought they vwould take the aduantage of our weary Martching, and giue vs Battell.

Therefore it was holden fit by the Lord Generall, that we shoulde take all aduantage we could in that place, which was onely to gaine the Sunne and the Winde of them. We marched on toward the end of the Towne, that lay next vnto the Seaside, and furthest from the Fort. And by that wee had aduantage both of Sunne and Winde. Within lesse then an Eughish mile of the end of the Towne, we could see the Horse approach very fiercely, as though they would come suddenly vpon vs.

Whereupon the Lord Generall gaue order to the Master of the Ordnance, to shoote some of our Drakes at them; which he did, and killed a Gentleman and two Horses, and put all the rest in feare and disorder.

Here Captaine *Coningham* (Lieutenant of the Horse) aduanced

uanced himselfe on horsebacke, and proffered a single combatte, but no Man answered him. Whereupon they presently put out a Flagge of Truce, and sent some of the Protestantes to vs to render the Towne, without any condition ; So that we presently marched into it in Battalia, and quartered all our Soldiers therein. The Lord Generall rode to every Company, and desired them to be carefull of themselves and not to wrong the Towne, and that they shoulde take nothing but what was giuen them and what they payde for, and that he would goe aboard the vi&tualing Shippes, and told them they shoulde want nothing, which contented them verie well, and thanked God with a loude voyce that they had such a worthy Lord Generall.

He tooke his Barge, and accordingly went, and as he was going, there was a poore Englishman in distresse in a Sand-bed, where the Syde had locked him about, and had no meanes to saue himselfe, but must runne towards the Fort, where the Enemie was retired with all his Forces : My Lord hearing him so cry out, caused to stay his Barge (although the Barge-men told him he would endanger the casting away of himselfe ; and the Gentlemen perswaded him also, that he shoulde not hazard himselfe in the danger, yet would he not stirre before he had releued this Man and got him into his Barge ; So after went aboard of the Vi&tualing Shippes, and saw all the proportions of the Vi&tuals sent to the Soldiers ; and after went aboard the Tryumph. And on wednesday the 16. made a dispatch for *England*, to acquaint the King with his fortunate proceedings.

The Enemy was retired into the Fort a Musket shot, with 1500. Men, of which number, there was 120. Horse left ; they had neyther Water nor Wood in their Fort, and had but some eight or nine Peeces of Ordnance, and the Fort too little for so great a Company, so that it was not likely that they could hold it long, and we hope to be Masters of it, as well as of the Island, within a very short time.

Thursday and Fryday, we were raysing a Mount to plant

our Ordnance against it.

Saterday the 21. we planted twentie one peeces of Ordinance, and eleven Drakes, and the Master Gunner was very confident to batter them from the Fort in a very short time: We were working with our Pyoniers, and our Soldiers trenching against the Fort.

This is all I was an Eye witnesse to. So God send them good successe, and I for *England*, in his Maiesties Good Ship, called the *Charles*.

There was slayne that day in (the Battaille) of the *French* 125. Horsemen, dead on the ground, besides a great many that were deadly hurt, of which number, there vvere 23. Marquesses and Barons; all the rest Knights and Gentlemen, of the best qualitie in all *France*: Some Commanders of their Foote vvere killed, with 100. or 120. Common Soldiers.

Received

*Received at Court the 15.
of August.*

The Cittadell in the Isle St. Martins, holds out still, the Walls and Fortifications thereof being made so strong and substantiall, that our Cannon that beate on it perpetually could doe little hurt to it , in so much as my Lord wrought by Mynes, and hath cut off two Pipes that carried vwater to the same, but findes that part of the ground which is penetrable neere the Cittadell, to be loose; sandy ground, which will not Mine, and the foundation of the Cittadell, and the part neere the same is Rocky, not to be wrought: so as my Lord hauing beaten the Enemie out of his out-works into the Fort, is resoluēd to endeuour to recouer the same by famine, there being 3000. men in the Castle, and they wanting Firing and Water. My Lord hath planted aboue 20. Peeces of Ordnance by Sea and Land against the Cittadell: and the third shot that the Kings Cananere made, killed 41. Frenchmen, as some who were then in the Fort related.

My Lord lately intercepted two small Vessells laden vwith Viuals, and one laden vwith Munition, vvhich vvere in the night, passing from the mayne ouer the River to releue the Cittadell, that vvhich vvas laden vwith Munition, vvas in the taking sunke vwith a Shot, and 37. French men in one of the other Vessells slaine , vvhich made the third yeeld vwithout resistance.

My Lord walkes the round mostnights, to see the Watch performe their Duty : And Sunday last vvas seauen dayes lay in our Trenches all night , vpon aduertisements, that the E- nemie vwould sally, and assault the men in our Workes.

My Lord Montjoy (chiefe Commaunder of the Horse) very happily surprized 28. of the best of the Enemis Mus- katieres, vvhio vvere sent out of the Fort for a guard to some vvhio vvere sent to fetch vwater at a Well, not farre distant
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from the Fort : as soone as they perceiued our Horse to approach, they ranne into a Mill, and there (vpon quarter demaunded and graunted) they yeelded.

My Lord hath by Proclamation giuen permission to the Inhabitants of the Ile to make Salt, with which Commodity his Grace intendeth to satisfie the Dutch men (who were taken vp to transport Horses and Prouisions for the Armie) for the hire of their Ships, and likewise to furnish *England* with Salt.

The Gouernour of the Cittadell and Ile of St. Martins, sendeth euery day some Messenger to speake with my Lord : And about tenne dayes since vnder colour of a Parly , sent a Disciple of the Iesuites to haue mischieued his Grace : the Villaine being come to act his Villanie , when hee began to speake to my Lord, changed his colour, and so trembled, that he could scarce speake : whereupon his Grace commaunded one that was with him, to search him, & there was found in the Sleeue of his Doublet , a long *Ranillack*-like Knife poysoned, which at the first he said he caried for his defence: but that being no place to carrie a Weapon for defence, he was that night committed, and being threatened to be tortured, hee desired to be brought before the Lord Generall, which was graunted ; and then he confessed that the Gouernour had dissiplined, and hired him to murther my Lord : and being questioned how he durst vndertake such a mischieuous work, since he could not hope to escape death, or enjoy the reward he was to haue : he said he did beleue it would cost him his life ; but being perswaded, it was a meritorious worke, and promised, his Wife and Children for it should be aduanced, he vndertooke the same; and falling downe at my Lords feet, besought his pardon. My Lord sent him backe to the prison , and after three dayes pardoned him, and sent him ouer into the mayne.

All Souldiers cry out against the Gouernour for this treachery, and say, hee deserues not to haue any Quarter, that would offer the same to one who hath in all poynts caried him-

himselfe so Nobly towards him, and all the French that haue
beene at his mercy, for my Lord sent him back his Brothers
Page, which was taken in the day of Battell; and hauing
found the Gouernours brothers Gentleman of his Horse
wounded in the Field, caused him to bee sent a board his
owne Ship, and looked vnto by his owne Chirurgion.

Sir George Blandell is lately dead of the wounds hee for
merly received in the day of Battell.

There is Newes from *Paris* the French King is very fickle,
and no man dares tell him of his Graces landing in that
Island; he lies at *Villeroy*, and Monsieur (that Kings Brother)
at *Paris*.

The Duke of *Sauoy*, and Count of *Soiffons*, are in Armes
vpon the Frontiers of *Daulphine*, and the Dukes of *Roan* and
Mountmoreney are in Armes in *Languedoc*.

Monsieur, the Marshall *Crequi* (Gouernour of the *Daul-*
phine) sent Post to *Paris* for a Commission and money to
leauie men; returned with a Commission but without any
money.

I must adde this, which (I beleue) makes my Lords actions
to prosper, that his Grace doth duly euery morning and eue-
ning serue God, either privatly in his Chamber, or publikly in
the whole Armie, and hath caused a strict course to bee held
with such as neglect the seruice of God.

*Thus endeth the Journall
at this time.*



Received at Yorke-House.

August 15.

THE RELATION OF
Mr. Garetson, Master of the Shippe
called the *Bread and Beere-pott of Horne in
Holland*, made and taken at *Plimmouth* the 12.
of *August 1627* by Sir *James Bagge*, knight,
who reporteth the same as followeth.

Videlicet.

THAT he was that day chased with a Ship,
(as he suppo'ed, to be a Man of warre of
Dunkerke) and to free himselfe, did put
into the port of Plimouth, this present euening,
being the 12. aforesaide, and that he was at
Bordeaux about the 29. of July last, wherethe
Gouernor and People were taken with such a
feare of the approach of the *English*, that they
destroyed the Cloysters and Ware-houses, and

all the Suburbes of the saide Citie, to the end
the aproach of the *English* might be the more
difficile.

And from *Burdeaux* he went to *Southers*,
and from thence to *Rochell*, where he arriued
the first of August; And from thence he went
to *St. Martines*, where his Excellencie was be-
sieging the Cittadell, and making a Trench to
impeach the sallying forth of the Horse; And
for as much as all passages by water were
stopped, (except the intercourse betweene *Ro-
chell* and *St. Martines*.)

He was enforced to returne for *Rochell*, and
from thence went ouer land to *Southers*, where
he laded his Shippe with Salte; And sayling
from *Southers*, came within halfe a League of
St. Martines, where being by the lee, there
came out three English Shippes to vnderstand
what he was, and finding him to be a *Holla-
der*, gaue him relation, that the 5. day of this
moneth the Cittadell was by his Grace taken,
& the *French* men permitted to depart thence,
only with Bastinadoes in their hands: And the
Captaines of those Shippes told him, that the
6. of this month there was an *English* Shippe
dispatched,

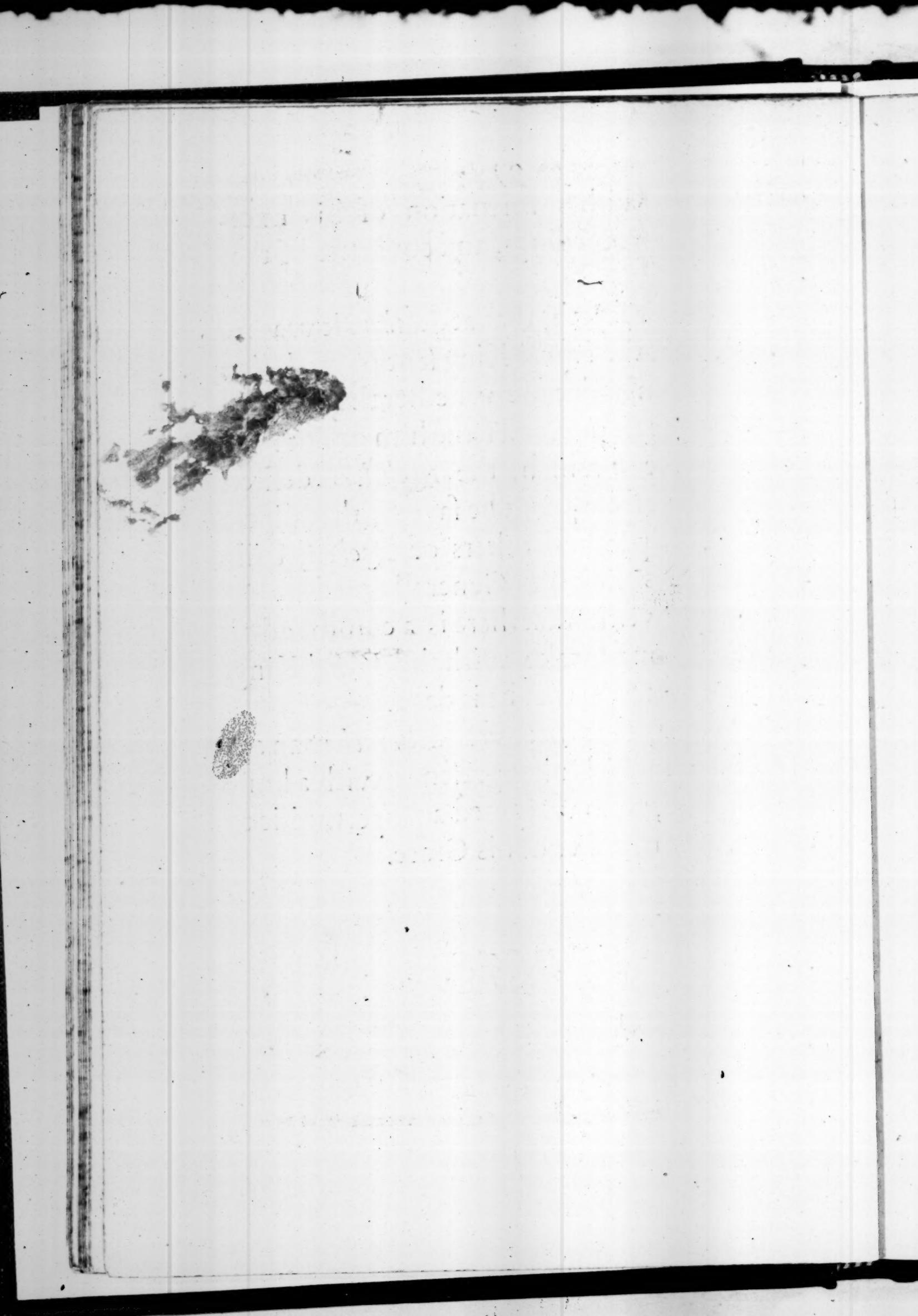
dispatched, with information of his Excellencies full proceedings, and conquest of that Island.

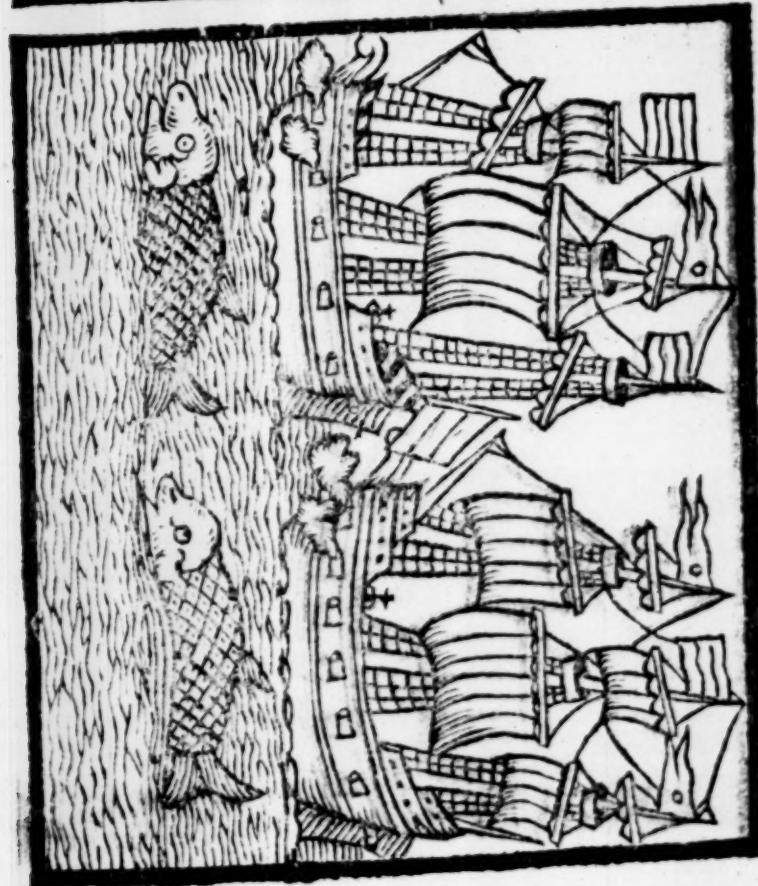
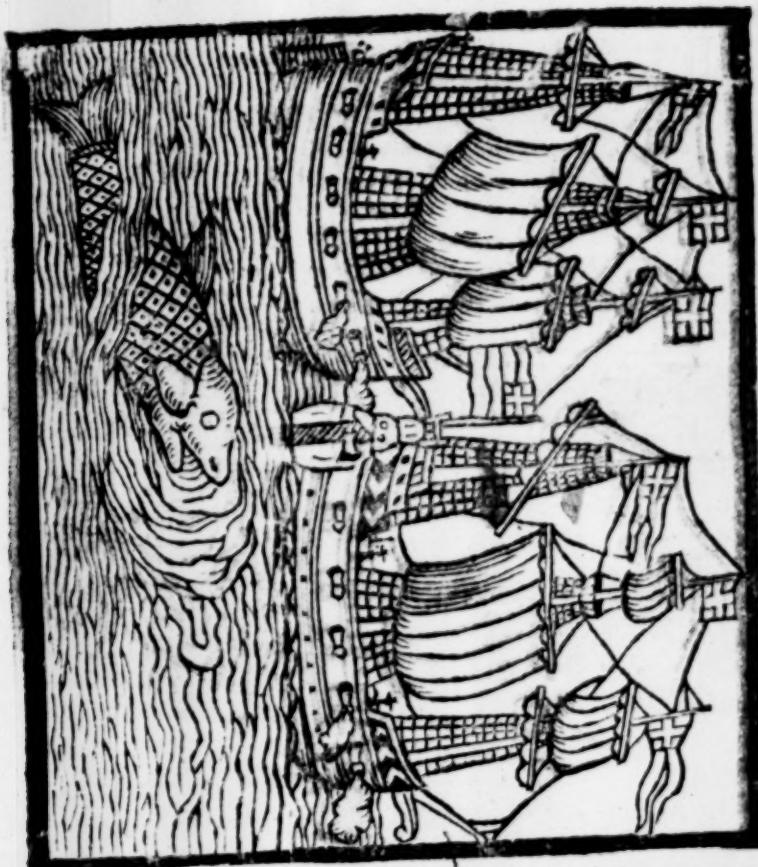
He further sayeth, that at *Southers* it was reported, that the *French* King sent to *Rochell* to require them to declare whether they would abandon the *English*, and serue him or not: To giue answere to which, the *Rochelers* desired seuen daies respite; But he sayeth, that diuers of the Principall and others of *Rochell*, daily repaire to his Maiesties Generall.

He also sayeth, that there is a command giuen, that none speake with the *French* King, and it is muttered, that he is dead.

He sayeth, that there was a *French* man apprehended in the Dukes presence, with a knife in his sleeue, who waighted an operunitie to attempt the murther of his Grace.

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